

REMARKS

Claims 21 and 30-39 are amended. Claims 21-39 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-28, 30, and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker and Burrows; rejected claims 29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Baker, Burrows, and Sullivan; and rejected claims 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bakers, Burrows, and Traversat. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Applicant's techniques are directed to inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software module. The drawing software module is configured to access a local graphic library by default. Applicant's techniques receive from a user configuration information that indicates whether an enterprise graphic library and/or a public graphic library is accessible to the drawing software module, in addition to the local graphic library. The enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both remote from the user's computer. In some embodiments, the enterprise graphic library includes content that is transferred to it from the public graphic library. Applicant's techniques configure the drawing module to access the enterprise graphic library and/or the public graphic library based on the configuration information received from the user.

Under applicant's techniques, to locate a desired graphic, a user enters a search term that describes the graphic. In addition, the user selects whether to search the local graphic library, a remote graphic library, or both. Applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics that match the search term in the appropriate graphic library or libraries. For example, if the user has selected to search a remote graphic library and the drawing software module has been configured to access the enterprise graphic library, applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic library that match the search term. If the user has selected to search a remote graphic library and the drawing software module has been configured to access the public graphic library,

applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics in the public graphic library that match the search term. In addition, if the user has selected to search the local graphic library, applicant's techniques identify one or more graphics in the local graphic library that match the search term. Applicant's techniques display metadata associated with the identified graphics to the user, and allow the user to select one of the identified graphics for insertion onto a drawing page of the drawing software module.

Baker describes searching databases for items that are indexed by multiple keywords. A user enters a search term that describes items, such as graphics, that the user wishes to find. Baker matches the entered search term to a keyword tree that contains the keywords recognized by the system. When a match is found, Baker consults a database local to the user's computer to determine if the items matching the keywords are cached on the user's computer. If so, the matching items are presented to the user. If not, Baker sends the keyword to a remote server, retrieves the matching items from the remote server, and presents these matching items to the user.

Burrows describes indexing and searching a database of documents, such as web pages. Burrows includes an indexing system and a search engine system. These systems may comprise a single system, or they may be separate systems connected via a network. If the indexing system and the search engine system are separate systems, the indexing system replicates a database of documents and a database index to the search engine system. The search engine system may then search the locally replicated database and database index directly, without having to access the database and database index of the indexing system.

Claims 21-29 recite "wherein the enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both remote from the computer system." The Examiner acknowledges that Baker does not disclose this recited feature. The Examiner cites Burrows at paragraphs [0028]-[0029] and Figure 1 as disclosing to this recited feature. In particular, the Examiner believes that Burrows' database index 154 or database 156 correspond to

applicant's enterprise graphic library, and that Burrows' database index 120 or document(s) 122 correspond to applicant's public graphic library. (Office Action, Jan. 14, 2009, p. 5.)

The cited portion of Burrows describes a search engine system 130 and an indexing system 100. The search engine system and the indexing system may comprise a single system, or they may be separate systems connected via a network connection 160. If the indexing system and the search engine system are separate systems, the indexing system replicates a database of documents 122 and a database index 120 to the search engine system, which are stored by the search engine system as database 156 and database index 154. This allows the search engine system to search the locally replicated database 156 and database index 154 directly, without having to access the database 122 or database index 120 of the indexing system.

The cited portion of Burrows does not disclose an enterprise graphic library and a public graphic library that are both remote from the computer system, as recited by claims 21-29. As indicated above, the Examiner believes that Burrows' database index 154 or database 156 (hereinafter "database 154/156") correspond to applicant's enterprise graphic library, and that Burrows' database index 120 or document(s) 122 (hereinafter "database 120/122") correspond to applicant's public graphic library. However, the Examiner does not identify a computer system from which Burrows' database 154/156 and database 120/122 are both remote, nor can applicant identify such a computer system. Indeed, Burrows' databases are not remote from the same computer system. Burrows' database 154/156 is remote from the indexing system, while Burrows' database 120/122 is remote from the search engine system. Burrows fails to disclose an enterprise graphic library and a public graphic library that are both remote from the same computer system, as in applicant's techniques.

Claims 30-39 recite "remote graphic databases that are accessible to the drawing software program in addition to the local graphic database." As indicated above, the

Examiner believes that Burrows' database 154/156 and database 120/122 correspond to applicant's remote databases. However, the Examiner does not identify a computer system from which Burrows' databases 154/156 and 120/122 are both remote, nor can applicant identify such a computer system. As just discussed, Burrows fails to disclose databases that are both remote from the same computer system, as in applicant's techniques.

Alternatively, if Burrows' database 154/156 were to correspond to applicant's local graphic database, instead of applicant's enterprise graphic database, Burrows would still fail to disclose remote databases accessible to the drawing software program, as recited by claims 30-39. In such a case, Burrows would not disclose a remote database accessible to the drawing software module at all. Burrows' database 120/122 is replicated to the search engine system so that the search engine system can access the locally replicated database 154/156, without having to access the remote database 120/122. Even if Burrows' database 120/122 were accessible to the drawing software module, Burrows would disclose at most one remote database accessible to the drawing software module, rather than remote databases, as recited by claims 30-39.

Claims 21-29, as amended, also recite "receiving from a user configuration information, wherein the configuration information indicates whether the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic library." Claims 30-39, as amended, recite "receiving from a user configuration information, wherein the configuration information indicates remote graphic databases that are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic database."

The Examiner cites Baker at paragraph [0035] discloses "configuring by a user the drawing software module to access the enterprise graphic library in addition to the local graphic library." In particular the Examiner cites Baker's "client computer perform[s] a search in the local database and the server." (Office Action, Jan. 14, 2009,

p. 3.) The cited portion of Baker describes that a client first searches its own local database for a match between a user's search term and a keyword in the local database. If a matching keyword is found, the client determines whether the matching items are located in the local database. Matching items in the local database are presented to the user. Matching items not in the local database are retrieved from a remote server and presented to the user.

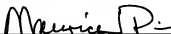
The cited portion of Baker fails to disclose receiving configuration information from a user, not to mention receiving configuration information that "indicates whether the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic library," as recited by claims 21-29, or that "indicates remote graphic databases that are accessible to the drawing software module in addition to the local graphic database," as recited by claims 30-39. The only information Baker receives from a user is a search term. Baker's user does not provide configuration information that indicates which remote graphic libraries are accessible to the drawing software module, as recited.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a prompt notice of allowance.

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